SEXUAL ASSAULT SUSPECT

October 1, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:31)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Mecham reports that police have released a sketch of the man suspected of raping a teenager in Newbury Park last Thursday. It's a key clue that they're hoping will crack the case.

LONG BEACH PEEPER

October 3, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:29)

KCAL9 reporter Mary Beth McDade reports that a suspected intruder has been arrested in Long Beach. Police say he stood over a woman and touched her while she slept.

SERIAL ROBBER

October 5, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:20)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Dave Lopez reports live from Santa Ana with details on how a decorated Air Force veteran is under arrest, suspected of committing 33 armed robberies. The crimes covered a wide area from San Diego to Orange and L.A. Counties.

WHEELCHAIR HIT & RUN

October 8, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:50)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Greg Phillips reports that authorities are hoping security video leads them to the driver who killed a man in a wheelchair. Witnesses say that the driver got out of his car after the accident but then took off.

CARCASSES FOUND

October 10, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:52)

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reports on a grisly find in Whittier—bags of animals with their heads cut off. Homeowners are sickened and detectives aren't sure what to make out of it.

HESPERIA TEEN HIT & RUN

October 12, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:45)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Greg Mills reports that a teenager is struggling to recover tonight, after being hit by a truck and dragged down the street. Investigators want to track down the driver who ran over the boy, leaving him with a broken spine.

STILES ARRESTED

October 16, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:12)

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reports that fugitive Chester Stiles was arrested outside Las Vegas. He's the man investigators say appears on a videotape raping a three-year-old girl.

LAKE ELSINORE WOMAN KILLED

October 19, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:27)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Greg Mills reports on arrests tonight, after a young mother was shot dead on a street in Lake Elsinore. The alleged killers took off in the victim's car with her baby still in it.

DEADLY CARJACKING

October 20, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:59)

KCAL9 reporter Greg Mills reports live from Lake Elsinore on a stunning new twist in the carjacking and murder of a young Southland mother that has shocked a community.

SANTIAGO INVESTIGATION

October 24, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:15)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Suzie Suh reports live from Silverado Canyon on the arson investigation into Orange County's Santiago Fire. The fire's three points of origin are now considered a crime scene, and a huge reward is being offered for any information that could lead to an arrest.

CRAIGSLIST MURDER

October 29, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:39)

KCAL9 reporter Sylvia Lopez reports live from the newsroom, that police say a man had murder on his mind when he placed an ad on a popular website. Tonight a pastor's daughter is dead, and an airport worker is behind bars.

BUCKWEED SUSPECT

October 31, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:33)

KCAL9 reporter Kristine Lazar reports live from Agua Dulce that there is no word yet if prosecutors will file charges against the young boy being blamed for starting the Buckweed wildfire. Investigators say he was playing with matches.

MODEL GRUESOME MURDER

November 1, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:31)

KCAL9 reporter Kristine Lazar reports live from the studio that the murder scene was so gruesome that detectives say it shocked them—a one-time model and mother slashed to death in El Monte. Now two years later the hunt for a killer continues and the victim's husband issues a plea.

HOME INVASION

November 4, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:22)

KCAL9 reporter Lisa Sigell reports live from North Hollywood, where it was a morning of terror for a local woman—an attacker broke into her home, beat her and stabbed her nine times.

PUPPIES STOLEN

November 7, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:20)

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reports live from La Mirada, where there were no more puppies in the window after a thief believed to have knowledge of dogs cleaned out the pet store of nearly two-dozen expensive puppies. What he didn't know is he was caught on tape.

HOME INVASION FOLLOW

November 9, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:57)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Michele Gile reports live from outside the Sheriff's headquarters in Santa Ana with more on our top story at noon, also streaming live on the web: one of the home invasion suspects has been captured. Another is still on the loose today, and that's where you can help detectives.

TEMECULA SHOOTING

November 11, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:49)

KCAL9 reporter Mary Beth McDade reports live with details on our top story. Shots fired inside a home, and tonight five people are dead. The shooting took place in Temecula.

COLLEGE SEXUAL ASSAULT

November 14, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:09)

KCAL9 reporter Kaj Goldberg reports details of the hunt for the attacker. Students at El Camino College are on alert after a female student is grabbed and violently sexually assaulted.

JEWELRY STORE ROBBED

November 16, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:12)

KCAL9 reporter Mary Beth McDade reports live from Canoga Park with the latest on the investigation, where police are searching for two thieves who ran into the jewelry store.

LAPD OFFICER down

November 20, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:55)

KCAL9 reporter Mark Coogan reports live from Boyle Heights where a major manhunt is underway this hour by the LAPD. They're looking for a man who was being watched by a narcotics officer this morning. The department says the suspect hit the officer with his car.

HOTEL HORRORS

November 21, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 3:40)

KCAL9 reporter Glen Walker reports that there are "killer" secrets that lie within the walls of the old hotels downtown. Historic crimes resulting from lust and rage are just some of the "hotel horrors" we discovered lurking downtown.

HIT AND RUN

November 23, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:21)

KCAL9 reporter Kristine Lazar reports live from the scene of breaking news in La Puente—an elderly man is dead after a hit and run. Lazar has reaction from people who saw it happen.

OC MALL SPREE

November 26, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:14)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Dave Lopez reports live from Mission Viejo with the latest on car thieves targeting a popular Mission Viejo mall. This time they took four expensive SUV's in just three hours.

ICE TEACHERS BUSTED

November 29, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:50)

KCAL9 reporter Mary Beth McDade reports live from Pasadena with the latest on the investigation and arrests. Two Southland teachers have been busted in a child pornography sting. One of the men is a teacher at a prestigious Catholic prep school.

STOLEN AT GUNPOINT

December 2, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:58)

KCAL9 reporter Kristine Lazar reports live that tonight detectives are trying to help an 83-year-old woman whose wedding ring was stolen at

gunpoint right off her finger. It happened during a robbery at a Thousand Oaks jewelry store, and it was all caught on tape.

OC VANDALS

December 3, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 2:05)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Dave Lopez reports live on the scene with a KCAL-9 exclusive. A family in Huntington Beach had their Christmas decorations slashed in their yard, leaving the kids in tears and the parents puzzled.

MALL SHOOTING THURSDAY

December 6, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:17)

KCAL9 reporter Keith Oppenheim reports from West Road Mall in Nebraska, where eight innocent shoppers were shot dead yesterday, after what city officials are calling one of the most horrific tragedies ever to occur in the state.

DUMPSTER BODY PARTS

December 9, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:31)

KCAL9 reporter Serene Branson reports live from Los Feliz with the top story of a gruesome discovery. Body parts discovered in a dumpster behind a store. Police know who the victim is but are still looking for a suspect.

ELSINORE MURDERS

December 12, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 1:45)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Greg Mills reports live with shocking details of a motive revealed. A few months ago a young mother was shot to death in front of her child. Two teenage girls were arrested in connection with the crime, and now we're learning their alleged motive.

GLENDALE DEATH

December 17, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:35)

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Davis reports that investigators today arrested a Glendale man in connection with the mysterious death of his girlfriend. The victim's relatives and neighbors are shocked at her violent death.

DAD SHOOTS DAUGHTER

December 19, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:39)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Suzie Suh reports live from Anaheim with the latest on a desperate search tonight for a father accused of shooting his daughter, then leaving to look for her boyfriend.

L.A. PURSUIT

December 20, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:45)

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Davis reports that a suspected armed robbery leads police on a high-speed chase. The chase went across three different freeways before coming to a scary end.

MECHANIC RAPE

December 21, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:46)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Suzie Suh reports live from Newport Beach with the story of the manager of a Garden Grove auto shop in custody tonight, accused of a pair of sexual assaults.

OLD TOWNE SHOOTING

December 26, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:39)

KCAL9 reporter Melissa McClarty reports live from Pasadena, where an investigation is underway after a man was shot in the middle of the street. It happened just a few hours ago in busy Old Towne Pasadena.

HEMET RAPE ARREST

December 28, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:40)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Greg Phillips reports that a rape suspect is off the streets tonight, arrested just hours after we broke the story. Tonight we have exclusive new video of the suspect being hauled away by police.

HIGHLAND FATAL

December 29, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:22)

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Sabih reports live from Hollywood with the top story at ten. A deadly crash in the heart of Hollywood—police blame speed and alcohol, and they say someone could be charged with murder.

BLACKWATER

October 2, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:05)

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports that the Iraqi government has targeted Blackwater private security guards for their role in a shootout two weeks ago that left 11 Iraqis dead. Today, the company chairman came to Capitol Hill to face tough questions from a House committee.

INTERROGATION TACTICS

October 5, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:28)

KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that President Bush defended his policies for questioning detainees today. He was responding to a report on two secret memos authorizing extreme interrogation techniques.

HILLARY 9/11 CAMPAIGN

October 6, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:15)

KCAL9 reporter Mary Snow reports that Senator Hillary Clinton's latest campaign ad is catching some people by surprise. It looks back to the days following 9/11, and seems to take aim at former Mayor Rudy Giuliani, implying he hasn't done enough to support emergency workers.

GOP DEBATE

October 9, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 3:50)

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports that tonight, the Republican Presidential candidates tangled over economic issues at a debate in Michigan.

TURKEY ISSUES

October 10, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 3:45)

KCAL9 Political reporter Dave Bryan reports that tonight, a Congressional resolution condemning the slaughter of more than a million Armenians nearly a century ago, has triggered a fierce political battle in Washington. Also tonight, Turkey warns it may take action that could impede U.S. operations in Iraq.

POLITICAL SCHEDULE

October 14, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:51)

KCAL9 reporter Randall Pinkston reports that the Presidential election is more than a year away, but candidates who are trailing in the polls are racing to catch up, and hitting the campaign trail hard this weekend.

AL QAEDA IRAQ DEFEAT

October 15, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 3:38)

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports that tonight there are new reports that Al Qaeda in Iraq has been crippled and may be on the ropes. But having been burned once already with a premature announcement of victory, the White House and top military commanders are treading very cautiously this time.

OBAMA AND CHENEY

October 17, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:20)

KCAL9 Anchor Harold Greene reports that though they have wildly different political views, dissimilar upbringings and they definitely don't look alike, apparently Barak Obama and Dick Cheney are cousins.

DEMOCRAT FRUSTRATION

October 19, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:59)

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports that it's been almost a year since voters threw out the Republicans and put the Democrats in charge of Congress. But now there is frustration rising among some Democratic voters and elected officials on Capitol Hill about the lack of results.

POLITICAL FIRES

October 23, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:48)

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports that tonight Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger writes the President a letter, requesting more federal aid for fire-battered California. The Governor says the cost of repairing infrastructure and damaged and destroyed buildings already tops \$75-million and still counting.

BUSH / POLITICAL FIRE

October 25, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 3:31)

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports that tonight President Bush has returned to Washington after a whirlwind tour of fire-ravaged neighborhoods in San Diego County. The President promised the federal government will do all it can to help.

MUKASEY HEARING

October 31, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:58)

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports that when he was nominated by President Bush to become the nation's 81^{st} Attorney General, Michael Mukasey looked like a shoe-in for confirmation. But tonight his chances appear to be sinking fast.

WATERBOARDING

November 2, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:44)

KCAL9 reporter Chip Reid reports that on Capitol Hill, opposition is growing today to the nomination of Michael Mukasey for Attorney General. Many lawmakers are concerned that Mukasey will not say that "waterboarding" is torture. Mukasey has said he doesn't know exactly what the technique involves.

PAKISTAN CRACKDOWN

November 5, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:45)

KCAL9 reporter Susan Roberts reports that today police clubbed thousands of lawyers protesting the President of Pakistan's decision to impose emergency rule. General Pervez Musharraf suspended the constitution on Saturday, and more than 15-hundred people have been arrested in the past 48 hours.

PAKISTAN / BUSH

November 7, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:33)

KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that it is day four of Pakistan's political crisis and the divisions are deepening. President Pervez Musharaff has ousted independent-minded judges, clamped down on the media and put thousands of people in jail.

PELOSI IRAQ SPENDING

November 8, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 3:08)

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports that tonight its Pelosi and the Democrats in the House of Representatives, versus Bush and the Republicans as a new Iraq war budget battle breaks out in Washington.

ALASKA CAPITOL STING

November 12, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:59)

KCAL9 reporter Bob Orr reports that politicians were caught on camera taking bribes—its part of an FBI sting that targeted lawmakers from Alaska. The investigation has already brought down three political figures, and more could be in serious trouble.

DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE

November 15, 10-11pm newscast 9TRT 1:34)

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports that the Democrats turned up their own volume in their Presidential debate tonight—a combative showdown right out of the gate.

NEGROPONTE MEETING

November 18, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:49)

KCAL9 reporter Sheila Macvicar reports that Pakistan is dismissing a call by U.S. Deputy secretary of State John Negroponte to restore the constitution and free thousands of political opponents.

MCCAIN / HUCKABEE

November 19, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 3:37)

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports some surprises tonight on the campaign trail, as the candidates close in on the Iowa caucuses. Long shot Mike Huckabee gains in the latest Iowa polls, while Senator John McCain gets a surprise endorsement from the former 9/11 Commission chairman.

OBAMA VS. HILLARY

November 21, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 3:05)

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports that Mitt Romney and Hillary Clinton are trying to hang onto the lead in Iowa, but they're being closely chased by Mike Huckabee, Barack Obama and John Edwards.

LEBANON CRISIS

November 23, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 3:22)

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports that the political turmoil in Lebanon is intensifying. The President left office today without a successor and declared the country is now in a state of emergency.

PEACE SUMMIT

November 27, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 3:41)

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports that President Bush goes 'all in' tonight on the Middle East. He has succeeded in bringing together Israelis and Palestinians, as well as delegates from more than 40 other countries, for a Mideast Peace Conference in Annapolis, Maryland.

SYRIA IRAQIS RETURN

November 29, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:37)

KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that 800 Iraqis got a free lift home this week—17 buses made the dangerous trip from Syria to Baghdad, after the refugees accepted the government's offer of a ride. Most return to an uncertain life and no guarantee of safety.

REPUBLICANS HUCKABEE

December 2, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:10)

KCAL9 reporter Joie Chen reports that both Democratic and Republican races re a toss-up leading into the Iowa caucuses. While the poll gives Huckabees campaign a much needed boost, it hasn't swayed the other candidates.

IRAN NUCLEAR WEAPONS

December 3, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 3:40)

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports that tonight a new national intelligence report contains a shocking conclusion—Iran suspended its nuclear weapons developments program four years ago.

ROMNEY RELIGION

December 6, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 3:34)

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports that Republican Presidential candidate Mitt Romney declared in no uncertain terms that he would make his presidential decisions on the basis of what's best for America, regardless of whether Mormon Church leaders agree with him.

OPRAH AND OBAMA

December 10, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:28)

KCAL9 reporter Glen Walker reports that Oprah Winfrey stumped across several key campaign states for the man she wants to be President—Barack Obama. While it's too early to tell how the road show will play out come Election Day, one thing's clear: Obama's opponents are taking notice.

GOP FINAL DEBATE

December 12, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 3:23)

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports that the Republican candidates for President have held their final debate before the Iowa caucuses, now just three weeks and one day away.

ELECTION 2008

December 17, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 3:38)

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Sabih reports that Election 2008 is heating up again, and there are major developments tonight involving both frontrunners on the Republican and Democratic side.

BUSH, IRAQ & ENERGY

December 19, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 3:46)

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports that after months of fighting the Bush administration, the Democrats caved in and the President tonight has his budget to continue fighting the Iraq war.

GOVERNOR INMATE RELEASE

December 21, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:57)

KCAL9 reporter John Lobertini reports on the controversial idea to cut the state budget, which were first reported on our 9 o'clock newscast the previous night. The Governor is now considering a plan to release more than 20-thousnd inmates early, before they've completed their sentences.

POLITICS SUNDAY

December 23, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:42)

KCAL9 reporter Tony Guide reports that with only two weeks before the New Hampshire primary, a Boston Globe poll finds John McCain has pulled into a statistical dead heat with Mitt Romney.

ELECTION 2008

December 26, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:57)

KCAL9 reporter Joel Brown reports that the Presidential candidates are back on the campaign trail. They took the holiday off, and are now racing to reach as many voters as they can until next week's Iowa caucus.

BHUTTO ASSASSINATION

December 27, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:52)

KCAL9 reporter Lisa Sigell reports as part of our live team coverage, as Pakistan, a key U.S. ally, is in turmoil after an assassin took the life of Benazir Bhutto. Her death has sparked rioting in a country already under emergency rule.

COUNTDOWN TO IOWA

December 28, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:01)

KCAL9 Anchor Rick Chambers reports that the countdown to the Iowa caucuses is moving into the home stretch. In less than a week, voters there will make their choices in the nation's Presidential first contest.

BHUTTO LATEST

December 29, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:48)

KCAL9 reporter John Lorence reports that in Pakistan there seems to be confusion and conflict about how former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto was killed this week. Supporters refuse to believe their government's account of how she died, and new video is providing new clues.

EDUCATION & YOUTH

STUDENT PROTEST

October 1, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:20)

KCAL9 Anchor Pat Harvey reports that a meeting between parents and administrators turned ugly this afternoon at Knight High School in Palmdale. Parents and community leaders are angry over the handling of an altercation between a security guard and students.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH / BUSH

October 4, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:42)

KCAL9 reporter Bill Plante reports that President Bush vetoed a bill to boost spending on children's health insurance. And many Republicans fear such a move could play a role in next year's election.

KIDS FAIRE

October 6, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:45)

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports that kids at the Orange County KidsFaire got a chance to see what it's like to be a weathercaster for a day. The "Weathercaster For a Day" booth was sponsored by KCAL-9 and our sister station, CBS-2. Meteorologists Josh Rubenstein and Henry Di Carlo were there to give the kids some on-camera tips.

SCHOOL GIVEAWAY

October 8, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:19)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Mecham reports on a special treat for thousands of inner city schoolchildren this morning. They got shoe, school supplies and more. The giveaway was at Skid Row.

SCHOOL MURAL

October 10, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 0:44)

KCAL9 Anchor Mia Lee reports on a visual treat today for students at Alhambra Elementary School. They created a huge mural with acclaimed artist Phil Yeh, to promote literacy and the arts.

SCHOOL CLOSURES

October 14, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:20)

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports an important note for parents: Bishop Alemany High School in Mission Hills will be closed tomorrow. School officials say nearly half the staff would face long commutes because of the accident.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL HALLOWEEN

October 16, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:28)

KCAL9 Anchor Pat Harvey reports on a parade of costumes today at UCLA's Mattel Children's Hospital. It's all part of the "Spirit of Children Day". The early Halloween party helps sick children get their minds off of their illnesses.

KIDS AND COLD MEDICINE

October 18, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:47)

KCAL9 reporter Pauline Chew reports that the Food and Drug Administration is holding two days of hearings into the safe use of infant cough and cold medicines. She offers details parents will want to know.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

October 22, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 0:29)

KCAL9 Anchor Harold Greene reports that classes at all eight schools in the rim of the World Unified School District in Lake Arrowhead are canceled for tomorrow and Wednesday, due to the fires in the San Bernardino Mountains.

SCHOOL REOPENINGS

October 24, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 0:33)

KCAL9 Anchor Mia Lee reports on school reopenings this morning, such as Simi Valley Unified School District, Santa Clarita Valley Schools and Agua Dulce Unified.

AUTISM

October 29, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 0:49)

KCAL9 Anchor Ann Martin reports that one in 150 children in America has autism. Doctors say early diagnosis can help, so the American Academy of Pediatrics is calling for all kids to be screened at least twice before age two.

KIDS / GOOD CANDY, BAD CANDY

October 30, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 0:29)

KCAL9 Anchor Ann Martin reports that dentists are warning parents to keep their children away from the candies that are gooey, sticky, hard sugary stuff that stay in their mouths for a long time. Yet they do approve of chocolate.

TOYS LEAD TESTING

November 4, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:35)

KCAL9 reporter Sandra Hughes reports that this holiday season while Santa is checking his list, some parents will be giving their children's gifts a more thorough inspection, to make sure the toys aren't contaminated with lead.

KIDS DIET / SLEEP

November 5, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:36)

KCAL9 Anchor Pat Harvey reports that some new research suggests kids can avoid becoming obese by getting more sleep. The study of third graders found the less sleep they get, the more likely they'll be obese by the sixth grade.

LAUSD PAYROLL UPDATE

November 5, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:53)

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzalez reports that teachers working for the L.A. Unified School District should finally receive an accurate paycheck. Superintendent David Brewer says the District fixed a glitch in the payroll system. Thousands of teachers had either been overpaid or underpaid for months.

KIDS SHOPPING SPREE

November 13, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 0:53)

KCAL9 Anchor Ann Martin reports that Santa paid an early visit to 75 underprivileged kids, thanks to the Salvation Army in Santa Monica. All the kids come from the Santa Monica area. School nurses identify the kids whose families need just a little extra help making ends meet.

SCHOOL SAVED THANKS

November 15, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:50)

KCAL9 Anchor Mia Lee reports that Thanksgiving is a week away, but the spirit was very much alive today at a Canyon Country Community School. Everyone affiliated with the school, from the board, to the superintendent, to teachers, staff, children and parents, came out to give a heartfelt thanks to these firefighters.

BABY BOTTLES / TOXIC

November 18, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:29)

KCAL9 reporter Greg Hunter reports that there's been a lot of controversy about harmful bi-products from plastics that you drink and eat out of—especially for children—like baby bottles. And that's led to a whole new line of products for babies.

SCHOOL STAPH

November 19, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:18)

KCAL9 reporter Glen Walker reports live from Lomita that for the second time this month, the deadly Staph infection known as "Mirsa" has cropped up at an L.A. school, and parents don't even know about it.

CHIPS FOR KIDS

November 23, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:36)

KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that a very special program called the, "Chips for Kids Campaign" got underway today. Each year KCAL-9 joins the California Highway Patrol for the holiday toy drive. Today officers are accepting unwrapped toys at the Northridge Fashion Center in front of Sears.

TEACHER OF THE YEAR

November 26, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:25)

KCAL9 reporter Linda Alvarez reports that California has more than 300-thousand teachers, and today one was singled out as the state's teacher of the year. He's only been a teacher for eight years, but he deserves it.

TOP HIGH SCHOOLS

November 30, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:37)

KCAL9 Anchor Rick Chambers reports that U.S. News and World Report has ranked the best high schools in America and several southern California schools did very well. Oxford Academy in Cypress came in fourth, Gretchen Whitney High School in Cerritos, 12th and the California Academy of Mathematics and Science in Carson was 21st.

CHILDREN / HONEY FOR COUGHS

December 3, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 0:46)

KCAL9 Anchor Glen Walker reports that since the big recall off children's medicines, many parents have been trying to find alternatives to calm their kids' coughs, and a new study suggests an old standby might do the trick.

KID CHESS CHAMPS

December 4, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 0:48)

KCAL9 Anchor Rick Chambers reported that this afternoon a group of fifth-graders has become the National Champions of Chess. They placed first in the National Chess Championships in St. Louis, their second title in a row. The kids say they owe a lot to their coach.

CHIPS FOR KIDS

December 5, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:35)

KCAL9 reporter Michele Gile reports that the annual "Chips for Kids" Holiday Toy Drive kicked off today. You can bring unwrapped toys to several locations throughout Southern California.

KIDS DENTAL RULES

December 6, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:48)

KCAL9 Anchor Mia Lee reports that it's pretty hard to concentrate on school work if you have a tooth ache, and studies show dental problems among California children are an epidemic.

SCHOOL REFORM VOTING

December 11, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:29)

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports live from downtown L.A. with details on a critical vote tonight linked to the L.A. Mayor's controversial and much-publicized school takeover plan.

CHIPS FOR KIDS

December 17, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 0:30)

KCAL9 reporter Sandra Mitchell reports that it's your chance to make the holiday brighter for less fortunate children in Southern California, by donating to the "Chips for Kids" Toy Drive. Just bring a new unwrapped toy to any one of the several locations across the Southland.

ILL CHILDREN CHRISTMAS

December 19, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:29)

KCAL9 Entertainment Reporter Christina McLarty reports live from the Fairfax District that it will be the happiest of holidays for a group of children who need it most—hundreds of seriously ill kids and their families are being treated to a spectacular Christmas celebration.

SCHOOL SNOW

December 21, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:38)

KCAL9 Anchor Rick Chambers reports that some students in the San Fernando Valley arrived at school today to a pre-winter delight—seven tons of snow arrived at the Morningside Elementary School, and the teachers & children enjoyed sledding.

TRACKING SANTA

December 24, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:40)

KCAL9 Anchor Rick Chambers reports that Santa's already making rounds! The people at NORAD in Colorado Springs are monitoring his journey. They've set up a Santa tracking operations center where kids worldwide can follow his progress.

CHOCOLATE HARLEY GIFTS

December 24, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:39)

KCAL9 Anchor Pat Harvey reports that hundreds of bikers dressed like Santa, roared into the parking lot of Children's Hospital in Orange this morning, much to the delight of dozens of young patients. Volunteers showered the kids with tons of present including teddy bears, games and of course toy motorcycles.

CHIPS FOR KIDS

December 24, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:31)

KCAL9 Anchor Ann Martin reports that you can make dreams come true for underprivileged children in Southern California, by making a donation to our "Chips for Kids" Toy Drive.

AUTISTIC KIDS / KARATE

December 28, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 2:03)

KCAL9 reporter Susan Roberts reports that one in every 150 American children suffer with some form of Autism. Now at Children's Hospital in Orange, an ancient art is being used to help them develop social skills.

HEALTH & MEDICINE

IMPLANTABLE DEFIBRILLATOR

October 2, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:41)

KCAL9 reporter Doctor Sean Kenniff reports that hundreds and thousands of heart patients in the U.S. have implantable defibrillators, but it doesn't appear they're being distributed equally.

SEARCH FOR MS CAUSE

October 3, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:40)

KCAL9 reporter Doctor Mallika Marshall reports that about 400-thousand Americans have Multiple Sclerosis. While new treatments have proven helpful, there is still no cure. But there is a new nationwide effort to find the cause and hopefully a cure.

SEAFOOD AND PREGNANCY

October 4, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:50)

KCAL9 reporter Doctor Sean Kenniff reports that a group of scientists is telling women who are pregnant to eat a certain amount of fish weekly to help their baby's development. The problem is that recommendation is at odds with current government guidelines.

PET MEDICINE

October 7, 8-9 pm newscast (TRT 1:40)

KCAL9 reporter Doctor Sean Kenniff reports that you could say it was only a question of time, but human medicine is now going to the dogs, literally. That includes expensive and complicated procedures.

INFANT MEDICINE RECALL

October 11, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:48)

KCAL9 reporter Amy Johnson reports that parents should check their medicine cabinets. More than a dozen cold and cough remedies for infants are off store shelves.

RESTAURANTS

October 13, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:47)

KCAL9 reporter Doctor Sean Kenniff reports that many fast food restaurants are dishing up healthy meals now. But it seems people are eating too much of a good thing.

SAVE YOUR SKIN

October 15, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:44)

KCAL9 reporter Kristine Lazar reports that a new study is sure to leave a bitter taste in some mouth—it shows that sugar can cause premature aging and wrinkled, saggy skin. Will that get sugar lovers to kick the habit?

STAPH INFECTIONS

October 18, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:47)

KCAL9 reporter Gwen Belton reports new information tonight on a dangerous infection. After a high school student died from a "super bug", many schools are taking precautions against the drug resistant Staph infections.

CHILD COUGH MEDICINE

October 18, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:35)

KCAL9 reporter Mary Beth McDade reports that the government is trying to decide how young is too young—at least when it comes to using over-the-counter medicines. Last week, drug manufacturers pulled the medicines for children age two and under.

VIAGRA IMPOTENCE

October 19, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:40)

KCAL9 reporter Mary Beth McDade reports a health warning for men taking drugs for impotence. According to the FDA, those taking Viagra, Levitra or Cialis may be at increased risk for sudden hearing loss.

AUTISM

October 29, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:39)

KCAL9 reporter Pauline Choiu reports that one in 150 children has autism. Now some doctors say early diagnosis is so important, that children need to be screened early and often.

LIVING WELL / MEDITTERANEAN DIET

October 30, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:17)

KCAL9 reporter Doctor James explains that we've heard about the health benefits of the Mediterranean diet. Now, we're learning it could be good for your brain—and pasta is included.

CANCER AND OBESITY

October 31, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:49)

KCAL9 reporter Susan Roberts reports that body fat has now been linked to six types of cancer. The more fat there is, the greater the risk of the disease, but doctors have some advice on how to improve our odds.

CAFFEINE CREAM

November 1, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:55)

KCAL9 reporter Eileen Gonzales reports that though it sounds strange, caffeine may help in the fight against cellulite, those fat dimples. It's a medical wake-up call for patients and doctors.

AGING JOINTS

November 4, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:52)

KCAL9 reporter Glen Walker reports that if you're a baby boomer, it's likely you're experiencing a few more aches and pains. Exercise is good, but sometimes you can overdo it. Doctors say there's a difference between a 'sore muscle' and an 'aching joint'.

PARKINSONS AND ASPIRIN

November 5, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:56)

KCAL9 anchor Ann Martin reports that a new study finds aspirin and ibuprofen could help prevent Parkinson's disease. The disease affects the spinal cord, gives patients tremors, and affects speech and movement.

LIPO INJECTIONS

November 8, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 3:52)

KCAL9 Investigative Reporter David Goldstein went undercover for an investigation to see if a series of injections help dissolve extra fat. That's what some medical clinics claim. But as we found, there could be some serious side effects.

BIG OREXIA

November 12, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:49)

KCAL9 reporter Doctor Sean Kenniff reports that lifting weights is a great way to stay in shape. But sometimes body building can become a dangerous obsession.

PAIN-FIGHTING VEGGIES

November 13, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:11)

KCAL9 reporter Doctor James reports that we all know that eating green leafy vegetables is good for our health. But did you know these veggies can be good for fighting pain? The connection is explained.

PHARMACIST PRESCRIPTIONS November 14, 0-10pm powerest (TRT 1-4

November 14, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:46)

KCAL9 reporter Drew Levinson reports that today the Food and Drug Administration is considering letting pharmacists prescribe some medications. It's a proposal that puts pharmacists against physicians.

DEADLY COLD

November 15, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:15)

KCAL9 reporter Lisa Sigell reports that a mutated version of the common cold is a concern tonight for doctors, because the strain has killed 10 people and sickened dozens more.

STEM CELL BREAKTHROUGH

November 20, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:43)

KCAL9 reporter Drew Levinson reports a big breakthrough in stem cell research. The medical world is excited about a new technique to produce stem cells, and this new procedure may be free of controversy.

POT AND PAIN

November 23, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 0:26)

KCAL9 Anchor Harold Greene reports that smoking marijuana can help ease pain. That's the bottom line of a new study from UC San Diego. Researchers found that smoking a moderate amount of pot can reduce pain, but too much can actually increase sensitivity to pain.

BACK PAIN

November 26, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:45)

KCAL9 reporter Doctor Sean Kenniff reports that eight out of ten Americans will suffer from serious back pain at some point in their lives. But instead of surgery or pills, there is another solution that might work for you.

PNEUMONIA VACCINATION

November 28, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:39)

KCAL9 reporter Drew Levinson reports that just because you may have received a flu shot doesn't mean you'll be okay. He explains why there is one other shot you may want to consider: a pneumonia shot.

LASER OUT PAIN

November 28, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:48)

KCAL9 reporter Harold Greene reports that now there's a new way to treat pain—the magic of laser. It's called the "ML-830" Cold Laser. It treats a variety of conditions, including migraines, back pain and arthritis.

CHRISTMAS CORONARY

December 1, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:55)

KCAL9 reporter Cater Lee reports a health alert during the holidays—while it may be a time filled with parties and fun, it's also when many of us cheat on diets or skip exercise. A new study says to beware of a hidden danger this time of year.

OSTEOPOROSIS RISK

December 3, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 0:42)

KCAL9 Anchor Mia Lee reports that new research appears to link the long-term use of a popular Diabetes drug to an increased risk of osteoporosis. Researchers found that when "Avandia" is used in mice, it increases the activity of cells that degrade bones.

HEART DISEASE STUDY

December 5, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:45)

KCAL9 reporter Manuel Gallegus reports that from diabetes to high cholesterol, obesity can create serious problems in a child. But what happens when these kids grow up? A study in the New England Journal of Medicine has some alarming statistics.

COLD AND FLU STUDY

December 7, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:43)

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Miller reports that flu season is upon us, and now there is a scientific explanation for what we have long suspected—it's true that going out in the cold can make you sick.

TOXIC CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

December 10, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 3:52)

KCAL9 reporter Greg Hunter reports that there's a warning about Christmas lights. The wire coating could contain dangerous levels of lead.

DECONGESTANTS

December 15, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:57)

KCAL9 reporter Cater Lee reports that we're smack dab in the middle of the cold and flu season, which means stuffy noses and clogged heads. But researchers are telling the FDA that most over-the-counter decongestants simply do not work.

HEALTH ROBOT

December 17, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:44)

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Miller reports that a medical robot soon could make chemotherapy treatments easier for cancer patients. It's already being used in Europe.

DENSITY TEST

December 18, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:38)

KCAL9 reporter Terri Okita reports that researchers say early diagnosis is key to preventing the bone disease osteoporosis. So they're now recommending that women make sure to get a bone density test.

SPOTTED FEVER ALERT

December 22, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:25)

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reports that an advisory has gone out to veterinarians in L.A. County tonight, to be on the lookout for canine Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever. Humans could also be at risk.

MINDLESS EATING

December 24, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:46)

KCAL9 reporter Doctor Sean Kenniff reports that this time of year is a dieter's nightmare. There's plenty of delicious food, and plenty of temptation to eat more than we should. He offers some easy ways to avoid eating too much.

ASPIRIN / PROSTATE CANCER

December 27, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 0:30)

KCAL9 anchor Suzanne Rico reports that aspirin helps many men avoid heart attacks and stroke. But it can be harmful for those with prostate cancer.

NEUROTIC CARDIOVASCULAR

December 28, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 0:28)

KCAL9 anchor Ann Martin reports that new research finds that neurotic people, who are inclined to anxiety and emotional ups and downs, are more likely to die from cardiovascular disease.

DANGEROUS TB STRAIN

December 29, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:47)

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reports that there is another potential outbreak of a drug-resistant strain of tuberculosis. This time, it's been traced to a California woman who may have infected fellow airline passengers on a flight from India.

COMMUNITY & MINORITY ISSUES

BEVERLY HILLS SMOKING BAN

October 1, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:16)

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Davis reports that a new smoking ban is now in effect in most outdoor dining areas in Beverly Hills, and it will cost you if you're caught.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

October 5, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:36)

KCAL9 Ventura County reporter Amy Johnson reports live from the Harvest Festival. For the next three days, Seaside Park in Ventura will be busy with activities for the annual Harvest Festival. It features hundreds of booths with arts, crafts, food, fashions and entertainment.

ROSE COURT INTRODUCTION

October 8, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:55)

KCAL9 anchor Glen Walker reports that seven princesses will hold court at the Tournament of Roses this year. Between now and the Rose Parade on New Year's Day, the 'royal court' will attend more than 150 community functions across the region.

HATE CRIME NOOSE

October 10, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:57)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reports that an African-American professor found a noose hanging on her office door at a Columbia University graduate school. It's now being investigated as a hate crime.

GAY RECRUITING

October 11, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 2:25)

KCAL9 reporter Cater Lee reports that both the L.A. Fire Department and the LAPD are actively recruiting right now, and they are sending a special message to the gay community.

AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENTS

October 12, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:28)

KCAL9 reporter Bill Whitaker reports that the man who spearheaded the effort to stamp out 'affirmative action' in C California is taking his campaign nationwide. But diversity is still alive at UCLA, because of the efforts of concerned African American alums.

L.A. VALLEY PRIDE

October 14, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:34)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reports that it was a special day today for the gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgender community in Studio City. KCAL-9 and CBS-2 sponsored the L.A. Valley Pride Festival featuring music, food and other entertainment.

LATINOS VS. BLACKS

October 16, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:38)

KCAL9 reporter Mark Coogan reports that dozens of suspected gang members are behind bars this afternoon after a crackdown by federal and local law enforcement. The Latino gang members were allegedly involved in violent crimes against African Americans in South L.A.

HISPANIC STAMP

October 18, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 0:55)

KCAL9 anchor Harold Greene reports that the U.S. Postal Service unveils a new stamp in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month. The stamp commemorates the 60th anniversary of a landmark California lawsuit.

CASTLE CHURCH

October 21, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 3:05)

KCAL9 reporter Mark Coogan reports that 15-hundred people were forced to evacuate the fast-moving Malibu fire earlier today, which burned five homes, including a landmark castle and a community church.

PEPPERDINE

October 24, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 0:57)

KCAL9 reporter Linda Alvarez reports live that thanks to the valiant work of firefighters, Pepperdine University remained relatively safe from the flames of the Malibu fire. This morning the university honored those firefighters for their hard work.

FIRE FUNDRAISER

October 26, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:53)

KCAL9 reporter Christina McLarty reports live from Dodger Stadium with details of the terrible week of loss and suffering in the firestorms. Many people are asking what they can do to help the victims, and KCAL-9 and our friends are teaming up for a special fundraising event.

EVACUEES RETURN

October 30, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:43)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Greg Mills reports that it's not the homecoming many residents thought they'd ever have to experience—he shows us a community in Running Springs, where dozens of homes were destroyed in last week's Southern California wildfires.

OC RACIAL PROFILING

November 3, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:53)

KCAL9 anchor Linda Alvarez reports that after a controversial police shooting in Santa Ana, Orange County law enforcement officers and community leaders met today to discuss the issue of racial profiling.

PLAYGROUND DEDICATION

November 7, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:42)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzalez reports that even something as simple as a new playground can be a challenge for schools, and it is a challenge that actor Kirk Douglas and his wife Ann took care of. Today, along with L.A. Mayor Villaraigosa, they dedicated the new playground at El Sereno Elementary School.

MUSLIM MAPPING

November 9, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:38)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reports that the Anti-Terrorism Unit of the Los Angeles Police Department has launched a mapping program to identify and monitor Muslim areas, but it's sparking outrage among Muslims and civil rights groups.

MALIBU CAMPING CONCERNS

November 13, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:18)

KCAL9 reporter Sharon Tay reports on a heated battle tonight in Malibu. Some concerned residents are fighting a proposal to set up new campsites that allow cooking by fire.

SCHOOL SAVED / THANKS

November 15, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:50)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reports that Thanksgiving is a week away, but the spirit was very much alive today at a Canyon Country community school. Everyone affiliated with the school came out to give a heartfelt thanks to firefighters.

CIVIL RIGHTS RALLY

November 16, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:55)

KCAL9 reporter Susan Roberts reports that thousands of civil rights activists from across the country marched in Washington D.C. The demonstrators accuse the federal government of not doing enough to prosecute hate crimes.

MISSION THANKSGIVING

November 21, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:56)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Mecham reports live from downtown L.A., where homeless and disadvantaged families are sharing the holiday at the L.A. Mission.

LA CASA GARCIA

November 22, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:37)

KCAL9 anchor Rick Chambers reports that a restaurant owner in Anaheim gives thanks to his community every Thanksgiving by serving 15-thousand free turkey dinners. Thousands gathered at the Honda Center parking lot in Anaheim, as 12-hundred volunteers helped prepare and serve the meals.

MISSION INN LIGHTS

November 23, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:25)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Greg Phillips reports live from Riverside with a look at their own Festival of Lights. Colorful holiday lights are always fun to look at, especially when it's part of a beautiful display.

GETTING RID OF GRIDLOCK

November 26, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:05)

KCAL9 reporter Mark Coogan reports live from Rancho Park that Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa has a plan to ease gridlock on the west side. It would turn Pico and Olympic into "almost but not quite" one-way streets.

GANG PROGRAM

November 28, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:48)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzalez reports that L.A. Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa has added Baldwin Village to his "Gang Reduction Zone" program. He announced his plan his morning, "Community Law Enforcement and Recovery". It will add more prevention and intervention services in the South L.A. neighborhood.

SIXTH GRADER DIES

November 30, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:55)

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Davis reports that a Burbank school community is in shock this afternoon after the sudden death of a sixth grader during gym class. Today grief counselors are at the school to talk to traumatized students.

WORLD AIDS DAY

December 1, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:15)

KCAL9 reporter Randall Pinkston reports that today, community leaders, entertainers and activists staged concerts and rallies, to raise awareness of the global pandemic of AIDS.

CITY MENORAH

December 4, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:29)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reports that Hanukkah, the Jewish festival of lights, begins at sundown tonight. L.A. Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and Jewish community leaders lit the first candle on a very special menorah—the only object to survive a fire at Poland's greatest synagogue during the Holocaust.

SOUTH L.A. REVITALIZATION

December 6, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:39)

KCAL9 reporter Mark Coogan reports that L.A. city leaders unveiled a five-year plan to revitalize a city community. The move follows a report showing a drastic decline in lifestyle for African Americans in parts of south L.A.

X-MAS LIGHT EXCHANGE

December 12, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 0:36)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reports that two Southland communities have come up with a bright idea to save energy and money, while celebrating the holidays. The cities of Ventura and Thousand Oaks are offering to change your old Christmas lights for newer L.E.D. lights.

SWEET ALICE'S CHRISTMAS

December 13, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 2:05)

KCAL9 reporter Rick Chambers reports that hundreds of children enjoyed a L.A. Christmastime tradition today. They were special guests at the annual holiday party put on by "Sweet" Alice Harris. She never lets the holiday go by without taking care of her beloved community.

SURPRISE HOMECOMING

December 17, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:49)

KCAL9 reporter Serene Branson reports that four little girls in Rowland Heights got just the Christmas present they asked for—their Marine dad made a surprise homecoming.

INNER CITY SURFERS

December 21, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 4:15)

KCAL9 reporter Suzanne Rico reports that it's a Christmas wish come true tonight, for two Southern California inner-city kids who are riding the waves in Hawaii alongside world famous surfers.

ARROWHEAD CHRISTMAS

December 23, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:15)

KCAL9 reporter Suraya Fadel reports that a community is rising from the ashes this holiday season. Just months ago fire ravaged the San Bernardino Mountains, but residents have found a way to spread a little holiday cheer by transforming Lake Arrowhead into a Christmas village.

CHRISTMAST FAMILY LUNCH

December 25, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:42)

KCAL9 reporter Mark Coogan reports on a big Christmas bash in Montebello today, with food, music, presents and plenty of holiday spirit to go around. It's all part of a holiday tradition to help needy families.

KWANZAA PARADE & FESTIVAL

December 26, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:29)

KCAL9 reporter Sharon Tay reports that dozens of people gathered in Leimert Park this afternoon to kick off the 31st Annual Kwanzaa Festival. For the next seven nights, a different principle will honor the African-American heritage of family, community and culture. Tonight's theme is 'unity.'

ROSE PARADE PREPS

December 28, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:34)

KCAL9 reporter Melissa McCarty reports live from Pasadena where preparations are furiously underway—and we have all the details you need to help you prepare for this year's Rose Bowl Parade.

END OF AN ERA

December 30, 10-1pm newscast (TRT 2:21)

KCAL9 reporter Kristine Lazar reports that there was a sad goodbye today to one of the best places for bargain hunting in the San Fernando Valley. The Valley Indoor Swap Meet is closing its doors for good.

ENVIRONMENT

BULKY TRASH PICKUP

October 1, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:37)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reports that the Mayor and other local leaders announced the expansion of the city's bulky trash pickup program this morning.

WATER MAIN BREAK

October 5, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:33)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Mecham reports that people in a Winnetka neighborhood are trying to dry out after rushing water swamped their streets. An eight-inch pipe blew out, flooding the 20-thousand block of Valerio Street.

WINDS RED FLAG

October 7, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:26)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Clark reports that red flag warnings are still in effect tonight for Southern California. Winds are gusting up to 40 miles an hour. That, combined with hot weather and extremely low humidity has firefighters on alert.

ENVIRONMENTAL SETTLEMENT

October 9, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:58)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reports on what is being called the largest environmental settlement in the history of the federal government. American Electric Power will pay nearly five billion dollars to improve its chemical plants.

POMONA FREEWAY CLOSED

October 14, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:25)

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reports that Cal Trans will close a section of the 60-freeway from eleven tomorrow night until five a.m. Tuesday. They'll be doing work on the carpool lanes between the 605 freeway and Seventh Avenue in Hacienda Heights.

NEW ZEALAND QUAKE

October 15, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:28)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that a strong earthquake rocked southern New Zealand earlier today. The six-point-seven magnitude quake hit deep in the ocean.

WRIGHTWOOD QUAKE

October 16, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:28)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reports that a moderate earthquake rocked San Bernardino County early this morning. The 4.2 quake was centered 3 miles north of Wrightwood, in San Bernardino County, and was felt as far away as Pasadena, Glendale, Studio City and Hollywood.

WICKED WINDS

October 17, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:37)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Greg Phillips reports live from Hesperia, with details on the strong winds that continued to blow up problems across parts of Southern California, causing dust to kick up which made driving treacherous.

BOUQUET CANYON

October 22, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:10)

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Sabih reports live from Bouquet Canyon, as part of our "breaking news California firestorm" coverage. Her part of the report moves east to the other side of interstate 5, where flames raged through the area late yesterday.

RUNNING SPRINGS

October 24, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:47)

KCAL9 reporter Kristine Lazar reports live from Running Springs as part of our live team coverage, where the fire continues to burn out of control at this hour. 200 homes have been lost there, and more than five acres burned.

SNOW VALLEY

October 26, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:56)

KCAL9 reporter Mark Coogan reports live from Snow Valley, that firefighters in the San Bernardino Mountains are working to put out every last ember of the Grass Valley and Slide fires.

SANTIAGO FIRE

October 29, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:14)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Suzie Suh reports live from Orange that many evacuees who fled the Santiago wildfire were allowed to return home today, but the wildfire is still burning in wilderness areas of the Cleveland National Forest.

RED FLAG CONDITIONS

November 2, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:25)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Mecham reports live from Santiago Canyon with the latest on the situation in Orange County today. Firefighting efforts take on new urgency, as thousands of residents are still evacuated from their homes, and a red flag alert is in effect again.

MUDSLIDE THREAT

November 4, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:19)

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reports that the last of the fire evacuees returned home last night, but that doesn't mean the danger is over. Once the winter rains begin, they'll have a whole new worry: mudslides.

HIGH SURF

November 7, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:12)

KCAL9 Ventura County reporter Amy Johnson reports that there's a high surf advisory in Ventura County. that's music to the ears of surfers, who are taking advantage of the waves.

STORM PREPS

November 10, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:45)

KCAL9 reporter Lonni Rivera reports live from Santa Clarita that tonight worried homeowners are keeping an eye on our fire-ravaged hillsides. A fast-moving storm could bring rain and even mudslides to Southern California.

CARBON MONOXIDE

November 13, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 0:49)

KCAL9 anchor Ann Martin reports that carbon monoxide is the leading cause of accidental poisoning deaths in North America. Today, local fire and health officials are reminding people to install detectors that can save lives.

TRUCK TUNNEL REOPENS

November 15, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:40)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reports that tonight's evening commute should move a little faster on interstate-5 through the Newhall Pass because the truck lane tunnel is reopening.

FOGGY WEATHER

November 18, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:30)

KCAL9 reporter Kristine Lazar reports live from Long Beach that a thick layer of fog is blanketing a good chunk of Southern California. It is

making conditions dangerous on our roads tonight, and people should be extra careful during the morning commute.

BURBANK FOG

November 19, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:41)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Mecham reports live from Bob Hope Airport in Burbank, where the gloomy weather is making it even gloomier for people trying to get away for the Thanksgiving break.

15 FWY TRAVEL

November 21, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:25)

KCAL9 reporter Greg Phillips reports live from along the busy I-15 as part of our live team coverage, as the Thanksgiving holiday getaway is well underway tonight. Many people on the move by land and by air.

NEW SNOW

November 23, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:55)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Greg Mills reports that instead of hitting the malls today, some people hit the slopes instead. It was opening day at Snow Valley Ski Resort.

FIRE OVERVIEW

November 25, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:50)

KCAL9 anchor Linda Alvarez reports that Malibu is reeling from the worst wildfire the coastal paradise has seen in 15 years. Sky-9 was over the scene today high in the Malibu Hills. More than 47-hundred acres have been burned. Tonight the fire is 70% contained.

CANAL OVERFLOW

November 30, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:10)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Greg Phillips reports live from Rubidoux, as part of our live "Storm Watch" team coverage. Voluntary evacuations were ordered in some burn areas, and in Rubidoux some homes flooded.

OVERTURNED CRANE

December 3, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 2:06)

KCAL9 reporter Cater Lee reports live from Mission Hills, where the 5-freeway is a monumental mess right now. A 165-ton crane overturned this morning. The crane is still there, hours later, blocking southbound lanes.

SAN BERNARDINO SNOW

December 7, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:42)

KCAL9 reporter Greg Mills reports that today's Southern California wintry storm was brief, and that was good news for residents worried about flood damage to their homes. And those who saw snow this afternoon are happy, too.

FRAZIER PARK SNOW

December 8, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:45)

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reports that with blowing snow, rain and cold, it's going to be a blustery night in some parts of Southern California. The roads are very icy in places like Frazier Park where several inches of snow fell overnight, forcing the plows into action.

WRIGHTWOOD SNOW

December 10, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:01)

KCAL9 reporter Kristine Lazar reports that a foot of fresh snow in our local mountains is calling out to skiers and snowboarders.

WINTRY STORM

December 15, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:09)

KCAL9 reporter Mary Beth McDade reports live from the newsroom that there is no relief for people in the Midwest and east. They haven't recovered from last week's storm, and now a second storm is barreling across the country.

STORM WATCH

December 19, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:55)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Mecham reports live from the Newhall Pass, with our top story live at noon and streaming on the web, as part of our live 'Storm Watch' team coverage. The good news this time around is the rain isn't as heavy.

HIGH WIND PREPS

December 24, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:10)

KCAL9 reporter Ted Garcia reports live from Santa Clarita with details on the high winds expected in the mountains and valleys, starting tonight. That means the risk of fire danger is up.

NIGHT WIND

December 25, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:34)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Suzie Suh reports on the windy Christmas night in Southern California. Those strong winds have caused plenty of damage, even leaving some people in the dark.

WIND WARNING

December 26, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:12)

KCAL9 reporter Serene Branson reports live from Palmdale, that it's not often Southern Californians think about the wind chill factor. But tonight, we are. Temperatures are low, but when you add in the wind chill, it feels even colder.

BLUE RIDGE SNOW

December 28, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:28)

KCAL9 reporter Lisa Sigell reports that in our own mountains, it's nothing but a beautiful view. You can see the dusting of snow on our Blue Ridge camera before the sun started to go down. And the local resorts are reporting perfect ski conditions.

WIND VIDEO

December 30, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:30)

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reports that windy weather is heading our way once again. Santa Ana winds are predicted to arrive by 4 a.m. tomorrow across the Southland, with gusts up to 55 miles-anhour predicted all day.

CONSUMER & ECONOMICS

PRICE NEGOTIATING

October 2, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 0:44)

KCAL9 Anchor Mia Lee reports that if you're looking for a new appliance or a piece of furniture and you think the prices are too high, there's a good chance you can negotiate a lower price.

CHOCOLATE RECALL

October 4, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 0:37)

KCAL9 reporter Cater Lee reports that chocolate is being recalled due to fear of salmonella contamination. Kraft Foods is recalling six-ounce packages of Baker's Premium White Chocolate Baking Squares.

DANGEROUS TOYS

October 5, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:00)

KCAL9 reporter Kate Bolduan reports that 2007 will go down in consumer history as the summer of toy recalls. Millions and millions of toys, most of them made overseas, have been recalled in the past few months because of potential lead poisoning.

NEW BEEF RECALL

October 7, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:41)

KCAL9 Anchor Glen Walker reports that a beef recall tied to an E. coli outbreak has expanded this weekend. Cargill is now recalling 845-thousand pounds of ground beef patties. The "American Chef's Selection Angus Beef Patties" were sold at Sam's Club stores nationwide in August and September.

FOOD PRICES UP

October 10, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 0:38)

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzalez reports that if you've paid a visit to your local grocery store recently, then you know prices are going up. Bread, milk, cereal—one problem may be the high price of corn. Corn is now being used to make more ethanol, making it more in demand.

LIPSTICK LEAD

October 12, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:39)

KCAL9 Anchor Rick Chambers reports that the FDA says it will now investigate claims that lipsticks contain too much lead. A consumer group found that many lipsticks have more lead than what the FDA allows for candy.

ALTERNATIVE CAR EXPO

October 18, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:43)

KCAL9 reporter Kaj Goldberg reports live from Santa Monica that if you're concerned about global warming and interested in green technology, there's an expo you don't want to miss, showcasing some alternative car options.

BEER PRICES

October 19, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:29)

KCAL9 reporter Mary Beth McDade reports that if you drink beer, watch out for sticker shock. There's a shortage of hops and barley, which will cost brewers more. That means they'll be passing the higher cost on to you by raising prices.

GRAY FRIDAY

October 20, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:12)

KCAL9 reporter Alexis Christoforous reports that stock investors are assessing their losses this weekend, after the Dow Jones Industrials fell sharply on Friday. That after it set a record high just 10 days ago.

GUACAMOLE PRICES

October 24, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 0:30)

KCAL9 Anchor Mia Lee reports that the fires have hurt a familiar Superbowl Sunday tradition. A third of the state's avocado crops were burned and more are threatened. That means you can expect guacamole prices to be higher when the Super Bowl rolls around in February.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING

October 26, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:50)

KCAL9 reporter Alexis Christoforous reports that stores have already started the Christmas push to get consumers into the holiday spirit a little early. The move comes amid concerns about slim holiday sales this year.

FIRE INSURANCE

October 28, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:31)

KCAL9 reporter Chris Lawrence reports that here in Southern California, an already costly situation for homeowners affected by the wildfires may have just gotten worse. The problem is with some insurance companies.

PIZZA RECALL

November 2, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:36)

KCAL9 Anchor Harold Greene reports that General Mills is recalling about 5 million of its "Totino's" and "Jeno's" frozen pizza products due to possible E. coli contamination. The recall covers pizzas produced since July, when the first illnesses emerged.

GAS PRICES

November 5, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:23)

KCAL9 reporter Rick Chambers reports live from North Hollywood that gas prices are going sky high again. Nationwide prices have jumped, and here in Southern California gas is selling for well over three dollars a gallon in many cities.

TOY RECALL

November 8, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:25)

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Davis reports that it's happened again—another recall of a Chinese-made product. This time, it's a popular toy with a chemical that scientists say turns into a deadly date-rape drug.

AMERICAN MADE

November 9, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:39)

KCAL9 reporter Terri Okita reports that recent concerns with Chinesemade products are now sparking a new trend. More consumers are taking a closer look at buying products made in the USA.

HIGH X-MAS GAS PRICES

November 9, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 0:41)

KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that Southland drivers are feeling the pain at the pump as gas prices continue to rise for the tenth straight week. Heading into the weekend, gas costs about 13 cents more this week than last.

GIFT CARD ADVICE

November 13, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:53)

KCAL9 reporter Randy Paige reports live from Glendale that gift cards have become a popular holiday choice, but consumer experts say every year billions of dollars are wasted because the cards expire, go unused or are lost.

PROPERTY TAXES

November 15, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:34)

KCAL9 reporter Randy Paige reports live from the Larchmont District with a consumer warning. With housing prices falling, some

homeowners are hoping their property taxes will fall, too. Several companies are offering to help get you a lower tax rate but beware, the offers could end up costing you more than you save.

GOOD NEWS GM

November 18, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:56)

KCAL9 reporter Russ Mitchell reports some good news for General Motors. The nation's biggest car producer is getting some good reviews on our new car models.

BUYING DIAMONDS ONLINE

November 20, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:41)

KCAL9 reporter Rich Demuro reports that if diamonds are a girl's best friend, the internet is a close second. That's because more and more consumers are buying their bling online, or getting good information about it before heading to jewelry stores.

CUSTOMER SERVICE

November 22, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:55)

KCAL9 reporter Bob McCormick reports that lately, American shoppers do not have rave reviews about customer service. He offers the lowdown on how service can vary.

STORES OPEN

November 22, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:22)

KCAL9 reporter Lisa Sigell reports live from the Citadel Outlet stores where shoppers don't even have to wait for midnight. You've given thanks, and now it's time to shop. The frenzy is beginning earlier than ever.

SAVING ON HEALTHCARE

November 26, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:47)

KCAL9 reporter Bob McCormick reports some "money 101" tips on how to save on your healthcare. Shoppers may look at prices and then go to the store where they can get the best deal, but it's a bit different with medical services.

GAS PRICES

November 30, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:36)

KCAL9 Anchor Rick Chambers reports that gas prices are coming down for the first time in 12 weeks. The Automobile Club of Southern California says this morning the average price of a gallon of 'unleaded regular' gasoline in the L.A.-Long Beach area dropped by 1.9 cents this week.

FORECLOSURE GHOST TOWN

December 1, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:53)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Greg Phillips reports that many parts of Southern California are feeling the pain from the mortgage crisis. Phillips has the story from one of the hardest hit areas, the Moreno Valley.

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES

December 4, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:45)

KCAL9 reporter Bob McCormick reports that the airline that almost always has a profit and is the darling of Wall Street sees a headwind next year. The discount airline Southwest is scaling back plans for more flights and available seats in 2008.

MONEY 101

December 10, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:25)

KCAL9 Reporter Bob McCormick reports in today's "Money 101" that when fuel prices go higher, you can expect the price of most of what we buy to follow. It's hard on the consumer and the supplier, and there is even more pressure about to hit our family budget.

INFLATION

December 14, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:17)

KCAL9 reporter Bob McCormick reports the Money 101 market update, which is that you can add inflation to the list of challenges for the economy today.

FREE SHIPPING

December 17, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:49)

KCAL9 reporter Bob McCormick reports that you might be asking yourself if you should brave the crowds and long lines, or shop at home online. And if you choose the latter, there are some big perks.

BASIL RECALL

December 20, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:33)

KCAL9 reporter Sandra Mitchell reports on a big basil recall this afternoon, because of a possible Salmonella bacteria contamination. The recall affects basil grown in Mexico and sold in the U.S. under the "Green Paradise" brand in one-pound boxes.

STRIKE BUSINESS SALE

December 22, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:39)

KCAL9 reporter Sharon Tay reports that it's been nearly two months since striking Hollywood writers have gone without a paycheck. And that is putting a damper on Christmas for thousands of families.

LAST MINUTE SHOPPERS

December 24, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:45)

KCAL9 reporter Kristine Lazar reports live from Burbank where one store stayed open later than most. Time has just about run out for the last-minute shoppers, as most stores have closed.

LOAN INDUSTRY

December 28, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 2:27)

KCAL9 reporter Bob McCormick reports that now that the government is aware of the problems in the home loan industry, what does it take to qualify for the best rate? A lot of borrowers are using the internet to get information that previously only the insiders had.

HOT WHEELS

December 28, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:46)

KCAL9 reporter Carter Evans reports that as the price of gasoline continues to soar, many are looking for cost-cutting alternatives in the transportation market. The choice for a growing number of Americans—motorcycles.

FORECLOSURES

December 30, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:10)

KCAL9 reporter Randall Pinkston reports that the foreclosure crisis is having a ripple effect throughout the housing sector, and is now seriously impacting ancillary businesses providing services to real estate agents and others in the market.